

ST. JOHN APOSTLE & EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

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NEW PARISHIONERS & VISITORS, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

BY: DCN. ROMEO GANIBE

Hundreds of years after Moses received the *Ten Commandments*, Jesus fulfills the law. He teaches us that the *Ten Commandments* must not only guide what we do, but also how we treat those around us.

Thousands of years after Jesus explained the commandments, we find our generation struggling to define right from wrong. Do we have anything to show — in terms of progress from the years of Moses — that we have learned to live justly?

God has given us the freedom to choose right from wrong (*good vs. evil*). He wants us to be formed to his life-giving divine wisdom and act accordingly. We choose the kingdom of heaven by the choices we make on earth. *"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*

When evaluating ourselves, we feel we are good law-abiding people, because we have not murdered anybody. We are not in the habit of stealing anything from our neighbors. We are *Sunday-Mass-going Catholics*; we say our prayers and mind our own business. Jesus asks of us to do more.

We are challenged to do the most we can for God and our neighbor; in love and deed.



MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Mon - Sat): 8:00 AM

Sunday: (Sat. Vigil) 5 PM,
(Sun) 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, 6 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
(or by appointment)

MISSION / VISION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic Christian Community, called to develop a deeper relationship with Christ. Such a relationship is fostered through active participation in: *Word, Sacrament, Renewal Programs, Ministry/Service,* and other ***Spirit-led*** activities. We dedicate our time, talent and treasure to install, in our parish community, the basic building blocks of Christian living, ***to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to all through our words, deeds, and lives.***

Parish Office Hours**Monday:** 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**Tues. - Fri.:** 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM**Saturday/Sunday:** Closed**Outreach Office Hours****Monday-Wednesday:**

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Thursday - Friday:

8:30 AM to 10:30 AM

Saturday/Sunday: Closed**PARISH CLERGY & STAFF****Pastor (x 111)**

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE**Liturgy of the Words (Part Two)****The First Reading**

The *First Reading* is generally taken from the *Old Testament*, with two exceptions. However, during the Easter season, the *first reading* comes from the book of Acts. The *first reading* is always linked, in some way, to the Gospel and highlights how a prophecy in the Old Testament is fulfilled through Jesus Christ. The Old Testament points us towards

Christ in the Gospel, and Jesus Christ in the Gospel helps us to fully understand the Old Testament.

The Responsorial Psalm

Just like the other readings of scripture during the Mass, the *Psalm* is proclaimed from the ambo by a *Cantor*. The *Psalms* that we proclaim at Mass come from the book of *Psalms* in the *Old Testament*. The early Christians continued this practice of singing psalms in their worship, now with a clearer understanding of how those psalms spoke of Jesus Christ. St. Augustine even wrote a series of homilies on the Psalms, showing their importance in the early church.

The Second Reading

The Second Reading, taken from the Letters in the New Testament, has a semi-continuous pattern. Because of this pattern, the second reading does not always connect with the first reading or the Gospel. The Letters in the New Testament were written to the early church by St. Paul and the Apostles. These letters offered support, encouragement, correction and guidance to a young church finding its way in a society that did not support them.

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Acclamation is a song of praise! We prepare to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ by singing praise to Him! During most of the year we sing "Alleluia" (Praise to God). During Lent, another acclamation is substituted, as the Alleluia is seen as too joyful to be sung during the season of Lent. Our participation in the singing of the *Gospel Acclamation* is very important. In fact, the instructions for the Mass indicate that it should be omitted if it is not going to be sung.

The Gospel

The word Gospel means "Good News". What we hear proclaimed at Mass truly is good news, the best news we can hear: *Jesus Christ speaks to us!* It is important to remember that when the Gospel is proclaimed, it is no longer the priest or deacon speaking, but Christ himself. We should pay especially close attention to the words of the Gospel as they are proclaimed. To help us focus on this very important reading, the Church gives us some additional postures and symbols of respect. *First*, we stand out of respect for the Gospel reading. *Second*, the Gospel is often carried in a special book, the *Book of Gospels*, which is placed in a place of honor during the Mass. Incense and candles are used to indicate that Christ is present, speaking to us, through the Gospel we hear.

Msgr. John S. Mbinda

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

These four verses address the command of love as precondition for being holy as expressed in the first two verses. The Christian is called to be holy as God is holy. The contrast between love and hate has to be understood from this perspective. God is by nature holy and by nature goodness itself. The point of the reading is that, in order to be holy, we have to refrain from nursing hatred in our hearts. The law of love forbids us from engaging in any form of vengeance and instructs us to love others as we love ourselves.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Psalm 112 begins with a call to bless the Lord. This is a call to praise and thank God for blessings already received. The reason for blessing and thanking God is God's willingness to pardon, to heal and to save. It is in this context that we respond: *"The Lord is kind and merciful."*

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

The *Second Reading* consists of three themes: 1) the Christian community of Corinth as a temple of God; 2) contrast between the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world; and 3) Paul's caution on boasting. Paul uses a rhetorical style of arguing his teaching. *"Do you not know that you are the temple of God... Let no one deceive himself... So let no one boast about human beings."* The themes in this passage are clearly related to the theme of holiness in the *first reading*.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In the Gospel passage, Jesus draws a sharp contrast between his interpretation of the religious moral code and the new understanding his disciples are expected to embrace. *"You have heard it said.... But I say to you...! Jesus teaches that the ancient moral codes of revenge and vengeance cannot be practiced by his disciples. Thus, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for tooth" is unchristian. His followers have to offer no resistance; they have to "turn the other cheek"; they are to love their enemies and pray for those who persecute them. He concludes the teaching by exhorting his followers: "So be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." In other words, the difficult demands his followers will encounter are pathways to perfection and holiness. That approach to relating with others has led many to heroic virtues. It is the difficult path to sainthood.*



Mass with Anointing of the Sick Monday, February 13 at 4:00 pm

We invite and encourage families and friends to bring their loved ones who are **homebound, handicapped, infirm due to old age or suffer from serious illnesses** to receive the Sacrament of Anointing.

Follow Msgr. John's Homilies!

Blog (text):

www.sundayhomily.com

Podcast (audio):

<https://soundcloud.com/john-mbinda>

iTunes (audio):

[Streaming Homilies](#)

24-hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Friday, March 3, after the 8 am
Mass, ending at 7:30 am on
Saturday, March 4.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon., February 13, 2017 (8 am)

Steven Grace (Birthday)

† Yoko Aki

† Fr. Joseph Carroll

Tues., February 14, 2017 (8 am)

Msgr. Gary L. Secor (Blessings)

Henry DeCosta (Birthday)

† Magola Ann Richardson

Wed., February 15, 2017 (8 am)

† Bienvenido & Dolores Baptista

† Wellie Yadao (Memorial Anniv.)

Emily Sauget (Birthday)

Thurs., February 16, 2017 (8 am)

† Demetria Manandic

Paulina Wong & Family

(Blessing/Thanksgiving)

Fri., February 17, 2017 (8 am)

† Hak Soon Mercado

† Lei Muzio

Saturday, February 18, 2017

8 AM: Simeon Lamanilao (Birthday)

5 PM: † All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 19, 2017

7 AM: Terry Silva (Birthday)

9 AM: For the People

11 AM: George Glyn Dona (Birthday)

6 PM: † All Souls in Purgatory

† = Rest in Peace



HEALING / BLESSINGS: Darrlyn & Ron Bunda, Matt Farris, Mona DeCosta, John Bates, James & Elaine Kahala, Ken Enomoto, Ellen Cleghorn, baby Mairenuí Tauotaha-Amo, Ron Thames, Gregory Castillo, Elaine Utu, Kathy Beaver, Ben & Helen Guerrero, Mina DeJesus, John Basug, Alfred & Carmen Fajota, Santiago Tumpap, Bella Rillamas, Norma & Ethan Belamide, and all names in Prayer Intentions Book.

DECEASED: Paul S. Thames, Wanya Mercadante, Sandra T. Woodward, Hilaria Santos, Kathy Beaver, John E. Szlosek, Ethel G. Rodrigues, Cripsin Bergantinos, Jr., Reggie Cabacungan, Sheila M. Gutierrez, Fr. Paul Minchak, Fr. Joseph Carroll, Demetria Manandic, Vicente Jamora, and Fernando Acierto.



***Upcoming Baptism Ceremony Dates** (Infants to Age 6): February 26

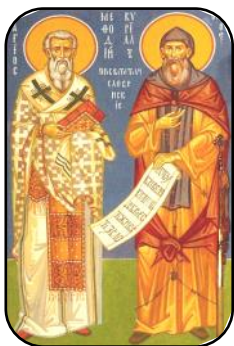
***Baptism Preparation Classes:** February 26, April 2, May 7, June 4... *(Sign up with the Parish office)*

**** Please contact the Parish Office to make all arrangements in advance. ****

Marriages are scheduled by meeting with a clergy, at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

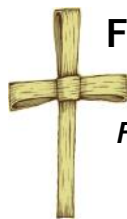
Blessings (home, auto, religious items, etc.), **Anointing of the Sick**, **Homebound Communion**, **Funeral Services/Notices:** Please call the parish office for further coordination.

Saint of the WEEK Cyril & Methodius (9th Century)



Feast Day: February 14 — These Greek brothers were distinguished even before they became “the apostles of the Slavs.” Cyril taught in Constantinople and Methodius was a provincial governor. About 863, after ordination, they went as missionaries to Moravia, where they had considerable success, partly because they knew the Slavonic language, but their mission was challenged by Germans seeking to dominate in the area. In 869, Cyril died in Rome, and Methodius was consecrated a bishop and returned to his mission. He was imprisoned by the Germans for two years until the pope won his release. He died in 885. The brothers are often associated with celebrating the Mass in the vernacular, because they offered Mass in Slavonic, as well as with the creation of the Cyrillic alphabet and Slavonic literature. They are the patrons of ecumenists, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Romania, and Europe.

Old Blessed Palms NEEDED For Ash Wednesday!



Please drop off your old palms,
February 13th thru February 26th,
in the box provided at the
Entrance of the Church.

Stewardship of Treasure - Feb. 3/4

Sunday Collection	\$15,838.42
- Children's Collection	\$24.78
- Online Donation (WeShare)	\$3,486.50
Building, Equipment, & Maintenance (BEM)	\$1,434.25
New Building Fund - OCC (non-assessed)	\$295.75
Candle Sales	\$649.00
Collection - Black & Indian Mission	\$500.00
Donation - Charity	\$76.00
Donation - Social Ministry	\$153.00
Donation - YYA	\$30.00
Mass Intentions	\$510.00
Offering - Baptism	\$20.00
Offering - Funeral	\$300.00
Offering - Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Stewardship Development	\$9.50

Weekend Total: \$23,332.20

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with fruits of all your produce.” - Proverbs 3:9

Message from the Religious Education Office:

SAFE ENVIRONMENT Training has begun for ALL RE Classes!

Upcoming Dates/Events & Activities to Remember:

- ⇒ Sunday, Feb. 12, 5 pm @ OLGC: Amanda Vernon Mass & Youth Concert for Youth in Lifeteen & Confirmation Classes.
- ⇒ Saturday, Feb. 18, 9 am @ Parish Center/Church: First Reconciliation Parent & Student Retreat. This retreat is mandatory for all FRE Students.
- ⇒ Friday-Sunday, Feb. 24 to 26 @ St. Stephen's Diocesan Center: Lifeteen & Confirmation Retreat.

Please contact the RE Office if you have any further questions or inquiries at 808-623-3332, ext. 204 / 206 or sjaeRE@rcchawaii.org



MALASADA Fundraiser!

Sponsored by: St. John Aloha Hospitality Ministry & Waipahu High School's Culinary Arts Academy and Swim/Water Polo Team.

Sunday, February 26, 2017

8:00 am to 12:30 pm on the Lanai

** Pre-sale tickets will be available next weekend, Feb. 19th after the 7 am, 9 am, and 11 am Masses. **\$5.00 for 6 Malasadas.**

All proceeds will benefit both St. John Aloha Hospitality Ministry, Waipahu High School's Culinary Arts Academy and Swim/Water Polo Team.



Free Notary Public Service available by appointment only.
Please call the Parish Office for more information.

Planned Giving - Preparing an estate plan is good Christian stewardship - saying thanks to God, expressing your love for family, and showing charity towards others. Please remember **St. John A & E Church** in planning your will.





PARISH EVENTS & WEEKLY CALENDAR

St. John Rosary Making Ministry - The next gathering is on **Wednesday, February 15th** at 10:00 am on the Church Lanai. Everyone is welcome!

Deacon Modesto's 10th Anniversary of Deacon Ordination - Join us on **Saturday, February 18th** at the 5 pm Mass as we celebrate Dcn. Modesto's Anniversary of Ordination. A potluck dinner will take place after Mass. We kindly ask you to please bring a dish to share.

HAWAII BLOOD BANK Drive, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on **Sunday, February 19th** at all morning Masses. Visit the Knight's table to register & for more information after all Masses this weekend, February 4/5. For additional info, contact Steve Hurling at 927-2845.

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be held on **Thurs., March 16**, 7:00-9:00 pm in classroom 6. The title of the discussion book is *The City of Joy* by *Dominique Lapierre*. Open to all! Call *Linda Ward* (277-1307) for more.

NEW! St. John's Disability Team - The Team will initially focus on ensuring our parish facilities and services are accessible and helpful to the disabled/handicapped in our parish family. This ministry is an outreach to the disabled and handicapped in our parish. If you, or a family member, are disabled or handicapped, we want to talk with you! Please contact Deb Zedalis: 808-348-2973 or dzedalis@hawaii.rr.com. Thank you for your help!

The Knights of Columbus, Council 14336, is seeking NEW Members! Stop by their table after all Masses and learn about their family activities, charitable works in the parish and community, as well as AAA-rated member benefits like life insurance, annuities, disability income, long-term care, and mutual fund investment opportunities!

Interested in joining the Scouts? All interested boys ages 6-10 (*Cub Scouts - Pack 144*) and 11-17 yrs old (*Boy Scouts - Troop 144*) are welcome to sign up with Myrna Daguio at mdaguio1@hawaii.rr.com.

In the Footsteps of Sts. John & Paul! Journey on a **12-day Pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey** with *Msgr. John Mbinda*, Spiritual Advisor, & *Dr. Timothy Mullner*, Pilgrimage Host, from **October 5-16, 2017**. For more, contact Jolly at 623-3332, ext. 103 or jollygt@rcchawaii.org.

St. John Catholic Preschool is now accepting applications for **2017-2018 school year**, as well as the current school year. *Scholarships are available!* Based on qualifications, your child's tuition can be covered through scholarship programs. For more, call the Preschool Office: 744-9702.

Augustine Educational Foundation (AEF) - Our parish is participating in the annual AEF collection this weekend. We kindly ask for your assistance in making *Catholic Education* more affordable for Hawaii families. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Drop your donation during offertory or donate online: www.augustinefoundation.org. Thank you for your continued support in making a difference.



THIS WEEK: February 13 - 19

Monday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
4 pm - Girl Scout (Rm 6)
4 pm - Mass of Anointing of the Sick (CH)
6:30 pm - Marriage & Family Life Commission (Rm 6)
7 pm - Boy Scouts (Rm 6)
7 pm - Charismatic Prayer Group (CH)

Tuesday - Daily Mass (8AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Women's Bible Study (Rm 6)
9 am - WG Valentine's Day Cookie Making (Lanai)
3 pm - Cenacle Prayer Group (CH)
6 pm - Children's Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm - Combined Choir Practice (CH)
7 pm - Knights of Columbus Mtg (Rm 5)
7:30 pm - AA Meeting (Rm 6)

Wednesday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
10 am - Rosary Making Ministry (Lanai)
6 pm - OLPH Prayer Group (CH)
6:30 pm - LAC / PPBC Mtg. (Rm 5)
7 pm - RCIA (Rm 4/5)
7 pm - NA Meeting (Rm 6)

Thursday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - Church Cleaning (Group 5)
9 am - Social Ministry Meeting (Rm 6)

Friday - Daily Mass (8 AM)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
10 am - WG Uniform Committee Meeting (Rm 6)
6 pm - Girl Scouts (Rm 5)

Saturday - Daily Mass (CH)

8:45 am - Rosary Prayer Group (CH)
9 am - RE: FRE - Retreat (CH/Rms)
3:30 pm - Confession
5 pm - Mass (Saturday Vigil)
Dcn. Modesto's 10th Ordination Anniversary Celebration

Sunday - Religious Ed: "A" Schedule

7 am, 9 am, 11 am, & 6 pm - Mass
7 am - HI Blood Bank Drive (Parking Lot)
9 am - Catechumen Dismissal
4 pm - 6pm Choir Practice (CH)
7:30 pm - Lifeteen Nite (Rm 4)